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HANCOCK COUNTY REFUNDING BOND BILLS

SENATE BILL NO. 335

(As Approved by the Governor)
AN ACT PROVIDING A METHOD OF REFUNDING BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF COUNTIES OPERATING UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 165, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1930.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, That the board of Supervisors of any county operating under the provisions of chapter 165, code of Mississippi of 1930, is hereby authorized to refund any bonded indebtedness of such county now outstanding, payable from the sources of revenue provided by chapter 165, code of Mississippi of 1930, and to issue refunding bonds of such county, which shall be secured by and payable from the same sources of revenue as the bonds refunded thereby. The said refunding bonds may be issued by the board of Supervisors of such county only after the question of the issue of said refunding bonds shall have been submitted to the qualified electors of such county at an election to be held for that purpose in said county, and only after the said issue has been authorized by a vote of three-fifths (3/5) of the qualified electors voting in an election to be ordered by the board of Supervisors for that purpose, when ever any such board of supervisors or in the best interest of such county so to do; provided, however, that such refunding bonds may be issued only to redeem outstanding bonds at maturity, or on any date upon which outstanding bonds may be redeemable, or upon the voluntary surrender of outstanding bonds by the owners thereof. Such refunding bonds may be sold for not less than par and accrued interest, or may be exchanged for bonds to be refunded thereby, provided, however, that the issue of such refunding bonds shall be accomplished in such manner as to avoid payment by the county of interest on the refunding bonds and on the bonds refunded thereby for the same period of time.

Section 2. Such refunding bonds shall bear the same rate of interest as may be determined by the board of supervisors, not exceeding, however, three and one-half per centum (3 1/2%) per annum, payable semi-annually, shall be in such denomination or denominations and form as may be determined by the board of supervisors; shall be executed on behalf of the county by the president of the board of supervisors, countersigned by the clerk of such board, and the interest to accrue on such bonds shall be represented by coupons to be attached thereto, which may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Such refunding bonds shall mature in such amount or amounts and at such time or times, not exceeding twenty-five (25) years from date thereof, as may be specified by the board of supervisors. All such refunding bonds and interest thereon shall be payable at the office of the state treasury of the state of Mississippi, in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, and a certified copy of the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such refunding bonds shall be filed in said office. The bonds issued under the provisions of this act shall in no way be construed as state obligations or state bonds.

Section 3. The fact of the issuance and delivery of refunding bonds hereunder shall be certified by the clerk of the board of supervisors to the state treasurer, who shall immediately register such bonds in a suitable bond register, and thereupon the revenues and taxes which would otherwise be paid into the county treasury of such county for the payment of road protection and seawall bonds and interest thereon under the provisions of section 6929, code of Mississippi of 1930, shall be paid by the official collecting such taxes into the state treasury on a proper receipt warrant of the state auditor to the credit of such county for the payment of road protection and seawall bonds and interest thereon under the provisions of section 6929, code of Mississippi of 1930, shall be paid by the official collecting such taxes into the state treasury on a proper receipt warrant of the state auditor to the credit of such county in a special fund to be designated "Interest and Sinking Fund for Road Protection and Seawall Bonds of _____ County, Mississippi," which fund shall be held and shall be applied by the state treasurer in the payment of interest accruing on such refunding bonds and the principal thereof at maturity according to law. Provided, in the event that less than all of outstanding bonds payable under the provisions of chapter 165, code of 1930, shall be refunded as herein provided, then and in that event there shall be paid into the state treasury for the credit of the said interest and sinking fund, only the proportion of the revenues and taxes as the amount of refunding bonds issued and outstanding bears to the total amount of outstanding bonds payable from the revenues

here referred to.

Section 4. The board of supervisors of any county issuing refunding bonds under the provisions of the preceding three sections shall levy an annual tax of not less than five (5) mills on each dollar of the assessed valuation of taxable property within such county for the purpose of providing funds sufficient to pay such bonds at maturity and interest thereon as it accrues. The said tax shall be levied and collected as other county taxes are levied and collected, and the proceeds thereon shall be remitted by the County tax collector to the state treasury at the time when state taxes are required by law to be so remitted, and the state treasurer shall credit the amount to the interest and sinking fund referred to in the preceding section. On or before October 1st in each year, the state treasurer shall certify to the board of supervisors of each such county the amount standing to the credit of such interest and sinking fund as of September 15th of that year, and if such amount shall be sufficient (1) to pay all principal of and interest on such bonds then due and owing and (2) all principal of and interest on such refunding bonds maturing and accruing during the period of twelve months running from said September 15th, then and in that event such board of supervisors may omit the same for the ensuing year, as such board may determine. All funds paid into the state treasury hereunder shall remain in the state treasury for the payment of principal and interest on such refunding bonds until all the principal and interest on such refunding bonds shall have been fully paid.

Section 5. The board of supervisors shall pay all lawful fees of the county clerk and its attorney now prescribed by law and which fees are incidental to the execution of said refunding bonds and may also pay all expenses in connection with the validation of said refunding bonds and procuring the opinion as to the validity thereof from expert bond attorney, other than the state bond attorney, of national reputation. However, in cases where the bonds to be refunded are not due or redeemable prior to maturity, such board in procuring the surrender of such outstanding bonds may expend not exceeding an additional one per cent of the principal amount of refunding bonds actually issued and delivered, but in no event shall any part of the said 1% per cent be used in the payment of attorney's fees. All such fees and compensation shall be paid out of the interest and sinking fund applicable to the bonds to be refunded, if the amount credited to such fund be adequate therefor. Otherwise such fees and compensation shall be paid out of the proceeds of a special annual tax to be levied for that purpose by the board of supervisors upon all taxable property within such county. All expenses as authorized by this act in effectuating the exchange of said bonds and the actual expenses of the state treasurer in paying principal and interest on said bonds shall be paid by the board of supervisors of the county.

Section 6. The provisions of the foregoing sections without reference to any other statute shall be deemed full and complete authority for the issuance of refunding bonds as therein provided, and all powers necessary to be exercised by the board of supervisors of such counties, in order to carry out the provisions of this act, are hereby conferred.

Section 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

SENATE BILL NO. 334

(As Approved by the Governor)

An Act to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, to issue and sell Road and Bridge Refunding Bonds of 1944 of said County in the Principal Amount of Three Hundred and Thirty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$337,000) for the purpose of redeeming a like principal amount of outstanding Road and Bridge Refunding Bonds of said County; and to make provision for the payment of such bonds at maturity and the interest thereon as it accrues.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, That the Board of Supervisors within and for the County of Hancock, in the State of Mississippi, shall be and is hereby authorized to issue Road and Bridge Refunding Bonds of 1944 of said County in the principal amount of Three Hundred and Thirty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$337,000) for the purpose of redeeming a like principal amount of outstanding Road and Bridge Refunding Bonds of said County dated November 1, 1930, and Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000) of outstanding Road and

Mrs. C. C. McDonald Gets Appointment



MRS. C. C. McDONALD

Mrs. C. C. McDonald has been appointed by Governor Bailey a member of the Mississippi state board of Public Welfare.

Mrs. McDonald took her B. A. degree at Vanderbilt University, has been national treasurer and national president of her sorority Alpha Omicron Pi.

She held the office of state president of the Mississippi Congress of Parents and Teachers and served as chairman of International Relations on the board of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Other members of the board are H. M. Odum, Greenwood, chairman and Fred Ross, Meridian.

We feel that Mrs. McDonald's appointment is a wise one and that she will mean much to the cause.

Bridge Refunding Bonds of said County dated September 1, 1942.

Section 2. The said Road and Bridge Refunding Bonds of 1944 may be issued by the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County only after the question of the issuance of said Road and Bridge Refunding Bonds of 1944 shall have been submitted to the qualified electors of Hancock County at the election to be held for that purpose in said County and after the said issue has been authorized by a majority of 3/5 of the qualified electors voting in an election to be ordered by the Board of Supervisors for that purpose. The said Road and Bridge Refunding Bonds of 1944 when issued shall bear interest at the rate or rates as may be determined by the Board of Supervisors, not exceeding, however, three and one-half per centum (3 1/2%) per annum, payable semi-annually, shall be in such denomination or denominations and form as may be determined by the Board of Supervisors; shall be executed on behalf of the County by the President of the Board of Supervisors, countersigned by the Clerk of said Board, and the interest to accrue on said bonds shall be represented by coupons to be attached thereto, which may be executed by the facsimile signatures of said officers.

Said Road and Bridge Refunding Bonds of 1944 shall mature in such amount or amounts and at such time or times, not exceeding twenty-five (25) years from date thereof, as may be specified by the Board of Supervisors. All such refunding bonds and interest thereon shall be payable at the office of the state treasury of the state of Mississippi, in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, and a certified copy of the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds shall be filed in said office.

Section 3. The said Road and Bridge Refunding Bonds of 1944 shall (Continued on page 6)

RED CROSS QUOTA TOPPED

Public Does Excellent Job
In Donating and Helping
To Raise Funds

Mrs. Roger Bell, county chairman Red Cross War Fund Drive, and Mrs. George R. Bell, city chairman, announced the closing of the drive with a total of \$9800, which is \$500 in excess of the \$9300 quota for this county.

But this was not unexpected as Hancock County always arises to occasions to meet any and all demands made upon her and certainly this was a huge task given the county and was well done.

Despite the fact of restricted transportation and scattered communities praise must be given the rural for the generous returns. Because it is less convenient in rural towns to reach the people and because there are less ways of raising money it is felt that a very good job has been done.

Those heading the drive marvel at the unstinted service of the men and women of the county in work they have done.

The results speak for themselves. The leaders also had the support of every civic organization in the county, both white and colored.

To all who gave so generously of their time and money goes the credit for the county having exceeded its quota.

Then too there are the organizations, the Garden Club, Junior Red Cross, Rotary Club, Women's Society of Christian Service, Central School P.T.A., the schools both white and colored, private and public, the Negro organizations where splendid work was done, and the individuals who gave of their time and money to put over this large quota. There was the mammoth Fair and the auction which added so greatly to the fund.

No one person could be singled out as the drive was the fact that the drive exceeded its quota is evidence sufficient that a band of brave men and women went forth to conquer and returned tired and weary but victorious.

LOCAL THEATRES ADD NEW TAXES

Due to the new Federal Tax Laws and the big increase on film rental and other expenses, it became necessary for the A. & G. and Orrie's theatres to add a minor increase in admission prices.

These two theatres have held their prices the same for a long time and have tried always to give the public fine entertainment at low prices.

The management from both theatres regret the necessity of the small advance in admissions but due to the present circumstances, there is no alternative. However, both managers will attempt to obtain the very best pictures as early as possible for exhibition in Bay St. Louis. The new prices are: Adults: 25c, 3c State tax, 5c Federal tax, Total 33c. In an attempt to cooperate with the children in this community, the prices will remain the same 10c to all children under 12 years of age. These prices prevail throughout the entire week.

Above prices meet with approval of the OPA.

AUCTION SALE HELPS SWELL RED CROSS QUOTA

With bright colored uniforms flashing here and there and gay music by the two high school bands the auction for the Red Cross War Fund opened at 7:30 p. m. on Saturday with practically all of Bay St. Louis out to buy—and did they buy?

Prices, regardless of ceiling prices and OPA, soared and hit the sky when 5 onions sold for \$2.50 and 2 pounds of butter brought \$3.00.

City Commissioner H. Grady Perkins gathered momentum after those sales and went after big results and got them. Excitement was at its height when his husbands were bidding against their wives and sisters against each other and a 79 cent cracker jar brought over \$2.00.

One of the lady promoters of the auction opened the bid on the live pig with \$8 thinking to run it up but she got the pig, squeal and all. Nothing daunted she opened the bid on an antique chair she wanted at \$10 and the voice from somewhere in the crowd was heard when a prominent physician bid \$15 and found he was bidding against his wife. The chair went to \$37, and that let them out.

"Tony" found himself with six dozen eggs when he thought he was bidding on two but being a good citizen he had run the price way up at that. It is whispered that "Tony" has gone into the egg business.

One faithful Red Cross worker had given a new salad bowl which cost \$5 and when the bidding stopped at \$1.50 she bought it herself and said she would donate it another time.

Prices began to drop a little when two sailors bought a gallon of Claret for \$1 and then the fun began when they could not agree on who owned the wine, the one who bid the \$1 or the one who paid it.

A sailor named Johnny took the stand and then the two young ladies—sisters—were bidding hot against each other but that may have been because they wanted to make a good impression. If that was the reason they paid pretty high for the impression but they said "Johnny" was so clever they did not mind.

The hot coffee, doughnuts and hot dog stand had its points because there is nothing more comforting than hot coffee, doughnuts and hot dogs when you are cold. You have bought a few things at auction prices.

But they were delicious and kept those behind the counter working hard.

Aside from hilarity there was a deeper side to the auction because it netted \$600 for the Red Cross War Fund which helped in a big way to put the drive \$500 in excess of its quota. And the promoters of the auction were brave soldiers and spared themselves nothing to put the auction over. They worked early and late and made a success which even they did not expect.

And thus is found on all occasions workers who never go half way in what they undertake but go their two miles without looking back.

Methodist Church Calendar For The Week

Each night at 7:40 through Friday. The Thursday night subject of the sermon "The Church and its Source of Power" and on Friday night "The Church and Its World Task."

There will be communion services at 7 a. m. Sunday, church school at 10 a. m. Church services at 11 a. m. Intermediates and church services at 6:40 p. m. and church services at 7:30 p. m.

At the 11 o'clock services the subject of the sermon will be "The Easter Gospel" and the evening service "I Believe in Life After Death."

Holy Week Services At Christ Episcopal Church

Good Friday, April 7—
The Second of the Three Hours—
Noon until 1:00 P. M.
Easter Evening—
Baptism—4:00 P. M.
Easter Day—
Holy Communion—6:30 A. M.
Holy Communion and Sermon—
9:00 A. M.
Easter Monday, April 10th—
Church School Easter Observance,
3:30 P. M.

Rummage Sale

The ladies of Christ Church Guild will hold their semi-annual rummage sale on Friday and Saturday, April 14th and 15th in the Vairin Building, corner of Main and Second Streets.

Anyone having rummage to dispose of please leave it with Mrs. Guy Lyman, Second street or call Mrs. N. L. Carter, phone 262 and she will pick it up.

ON THREE DAY LEAVE

Sergeant Warren Buehler, came from Camp Jos. T. Robinson, Ark. on a three day leave to visit his mother and family. He is being transferred to Camp Howze, Texas, for a weeks training in anti-aircraft.

FACTS AND FIGURES ON REFUNDING

County Has Paid \$732,500
On Principal of Bonded
Debt in Past 20 Years

Senate Bills 334 and 335 passed by the recent session of the legislature and which are printed elsewhere in this issue, authorize Hancock County to refund its bonded indebtedness. These bills require that an election be held in the county on the question of whether or not the bonds of the county shall be refunded, and that a three-fifths majority vote in favor of the refunding of the bonds before this can be done by the Board of Supervisors of the county.

Much has been said pro and con as to the contents of these bills. Now that these bills have been passed, signed by the Governor and are now the law governing these matters, we can only be concerned as to what the law is and as to whether or not Hancock County will be benefited if these bonds are refunded.

The editor of this paper, who holds the position of Clerk of Courts in the county, has devoted much time to calculations as to the amount that would be necessary to be paid under the present outstanding indebtedness, and as to the amount that would be necessary to be paid under the proposed refunding issue, and has had much discussion with men experienced in finances as to the benefits that may be derived from the refunding if put into effect by the county.

The calculations were taken up with the attorney representing a group of opponents to the bills and all concede that it would effectuate a saving to the county. In fact the total saving calculated by compound interest would amount to \$522,474.70 and taking for granted that the board of supervisors would have to pay the maximum amount that the bonds of these bonds, which would not exceed \$500,000, which calculated at compound interest for a period of twenty years would amount to \$99,500,000. This would show a saving of \$422,974.70 to the county during the twenty year period, or approximately 1.3 per cent per annum.

We believe that we are correct in our calculations. However, we invite any person who may differ with us, to show us where we are wrong. We do not believe that we are infallible, and know that we can make mistakes and have made them before, and, of course, we do not mind being shown where we are wrong. If we have made a mistake in these calculations, we will gladly acknowledge it.

The charge has been made that the Board of Supervisors of the county have not paid any appreciation on its bonded indebtedness. Let's take the history of the bonded debt of the county—Of the balance of \$337,000.00, this represents an original issue of \$862,500.00 of bonds that were issued in 1923 and 1925. According to our payment on the principal amount of the bonded debt of \$255,500.00. On the original indebtedness of \$1,250,000.00 of seawall bonds, only \$207,000.00 has been paid. However, these two amounts make a total of \$732,500.00 that has been paid on the bonded indebtedness of Hancock County in the past twenty years. Roughly speaking, nearly three-quarters of a million dollars. The interest payments that have been made together with the principal payments mentioned above raise this figure above \$2,500,000.00.

Certainly anyone who wants to be fair about the matter could not say that a county with an assessed valuation of only four million dollars has not made some effort to pay its bond obligations, when we find that they have paid over \$1,250,000.00 per year during this period of time. This would represent an actual tax or tax levy of 31 mills per year, and of course, the bond levies in Hancock County have not been 31 mills per year. The past year the bond levy for these specific bonds was 10 mills in addition to the gasoline tax, but this will not give a sufficient amount to meet the bond and interest payments in 1945, and it will be necessary at that time that the bond levies be increased, unless some action is taken to refund the bonded debt of the county.

As has been said before, this indebtedness was not created by the present officials of Hancock County. However, these men are not backtracking on what may, or may not have been done in the past. These particular bond issues were voted on by the people of the county and carried by tremendous majorities. We can still remember when the Road Protection Bonds were issued to construct the seawall, mass meetings were held in Bay St. Louis,

BAY HIGH BAND GIVES PUBLIC CONCERT LAST SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Marches Featured and Solos
Included in Program

G. F. Rooney, Bay High Band Director, presented the school band in a public concert on Sunday afternoon which was one of the best concerts yet given by the band.

The marches given in the program were Sousa's Stars and Stripes Forever and Manhattan Beach, The Thunderer, Alford's Colored Boy, March, Laurendeau's "Thunder and Blazes."

John Dupiquier baritone, took the solo part in "The Sound From the Hudson" by Herbert Clark and did it with fine technique and won loud applause. Mr. Rooney presented Ben Bennett as his Oboe player.

In the audience were Brother Romuald, director of music at St. Stanislaus and J. Stanley Arnold, band director Gulfport High. Mr. Rooney extended to both the courtesy of directing a number, Brother Romuald directed "The Thunderer" and Mr. Arnold directed "Manhattan Beach."

The overtures were Holmes' "Diane" King's "Princess of India" and "Omar Khayyam" and Olyviata's "Ponce de Leon."

Three of the numbers, "Ponce de Leon," "Omar Khayyam" and "Colored Boy" will be played by the Bay High Band at the State Concert to be held at Biloxi on April 29.

This concert won much praise for those taking part and for Mr. Rooney for his instruction and those fortunate enough to be present enjoyed a well rendered program.

Kings Daughters Circle Meeting

The Bay St. Louis Circle of Kings Daughters held its regular meeting on Monday at the hospital. The following officers were elected and will serve for the year: Mrs. Walter J. Gex, president; Mrs. Stella Gex, vice president; Mrs. Leo Ford, treasurer; Mrs. G. V. Blaise, secretary; Mesdames Edouard Carrere, M. J. Wolfe and Charles G. Moreau, comprise the board.

with prominent citizens of Bay St. Louis and Waveland appealing to the voters to vote in favor of the issuance of these bonds, but this is history and we are now confronted with the question of whether we should accept a business proposition that will save the people of Hancock County some money, or whether we should reject it.

Frankly, the position of the editor of this paper is that it is a matter for the people of the county to decide. We were drawn into this issue very forcibly. Our fight was made to have the bills passed by the Legislature. This has been done and now we are taking the position that it is no longer our affair, but strictly the affair of the taxpayers of the county. The Board of Supervisors of the county assume the attitude that it is up to the citizens of Hancock County to make the decision as to whether they want the bonds refunded.

Under the plan contemplated for the refunding, the total payment of principal and interest each year on Road Protection and Road and Bridge Bonds for a period of twenty years would amount to \$113,232.75 each year. This would liquidate the total indebtedness of the county in 1964. True, the Board of Supervisors could refund the maturities as they become due, without any notice and, under the present existing law could refund the maturities of ten years of these bonds; but what is to be gained by extending into the '70's and '80's the payment of the bonds of the county?

At the present time money is cheap, but who knows but that in a couple of years we would probably not be able to refund these bonds for the 5 per cent they are now carrying.

These things should be taken into consideration, and we feel that some mature thinking should be done by some sound business men and women of the county and that they should make their wishes known to the Board of Supervisors so that that body may have their suggestions and their cooperation in this matter. We do not believe that the Board will act or move in the matter until such time as they have been apprized as to the wishes of the people of the county.

We believe that the people of the county owe themselves a duty to seek out the information as to what the refunding means to them.

We shall be glad in our official capacity to answer any question in this paper that may tend to enlighten the people of the county on this particular matter.

We shall give to our readers next week a statement showing in detail the payments due each year of principal and interest of present outstanding bonds, and one showing payments under the proposed refunding plan—space prohibited the publication of this matter this week.



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WE WERE WRONG

IT is easy to offer criticism and condemn individuals, particularly men holding office, and many are the times we are wrong. We have on a number of occasions criticized a man who served as governor of this state, a man who in the last election offered his services to the people of his county as representative and was elected without opposition, a man who condescended to step down from governor to legislator, and in so doing, he rendered a service to both the people of his county and to his state.

We differed in opinion from this man many times in many matters, particularly in politics. Undoubtedly we did not know the man. We pictured him as a rich, arrogant individual who did not know the needs of the poor people of this state.

This belief was completely erased from our mind when in the closing days of the last legislative session a bill was up for passage which would have placed the South Mississippi Charity Hospital at Laurel under the authorities of the City of Laurel and of Jones County, and which would have effected the admittance of charity patients in this hospital.

We were present at the time of the discussion of this bill. Several legislators from South Mississippi arose to speak against the passage of the Act and among them was the Hon. Hugh White, member of the House of Representatives from Marion County, and former Governor of this state. He completely annihilated the forces that attempted to transfer the control of this hospital, and at the conclusion of his speech, the House overwhelmingly defeated this bill.

He stated that for eleven weeks he lay on a bed in a hospital at the point of death, with doctors and nurses at his beck and call, and how he who had all of the necessities of life was able to have all of the care that medical science could offer him; how he had suffered and how the thoughts ran through his mind at that time of the numbers of poor people throughout his state who did not have and could not secure the medical aid that was necessary for them. It was then that he pledged himself to devote his time and energy to aid and assist the poor people of his state to secure medical aid and hospitalization. After listening to his talk, we were convinced that Hugh White's heart was as big as his body. In fact, we had to applaud him, for when he spoke of aiding and assisting the poor unfortunates who were not able to take care of themselves, he was speaking of one of the things that is nearest and dearest to our heart.

Even though there was a strained relationship between us, we could not refrain from seeking the man out and extending to him our congratulations for the part that he had taken in maintaining for the people of South Mississippi their charity hospital. Undoubtedly this bill would have been an opening wedge to finally destroy every charity hospital in the state.

From now on, it is going to be necessary for some real facts to be presented to us to convince us that the State of Mississippi does not need more men of the type of Hugh White. Men who have a spark of human kindness kindled in their hearts. We were wrong in our opinion of this man and we do not hesitate to acknowledge it.

HEARD THE "VOICE OF GOD"

NOTHING is more dangerous to the development of mankind than the ignorant fanatic who presumes to speak the "voice of God." The virtues of religion are wasted upon an incompetent mind, as the following story will reveal:

In Los Angeles, Calif., the other day, a 64-year-old woman killed her mother, 87-years-old because she "was possessed of the devil." The younger woman had been earlier reported in "mental disorder" by her mother.

The killer told policemen that she killed her mother because "I saw the devil in her and the Lord told me to kill her." Consequently, while feeding the older woman, she hit her bed-ridden parent, first with her hands, then with a stick and finally, when the "twinkle" returned to her mother's eyes, she wouped a piece of cloth around her neck and strangled her.

Of course, the Los Angeles killer was insane but there are devout people, who count themselves heavily on the Lord's side, and mistake every twinkle in anybody's eyes as a sure sign of the devil's presence. While they rarely go to the extreme of murder, they exert various pressures under the impression that they are obeying orders from the 'All High.

ALCOHOLIC EDUCATION

THE State of South Carolina has created the Office of Supervisor of Alcoholic Education. The duties of the official will be to teach the harmful effects of drinking alcoholic beverages to the pupils of the schools of the State, both white and Negro.

The material used will include charts and data, text books, pamphlets, reports, etc., furnished by the anti-alcohol organizations, government reports and state information services, as well as by liquor manufacturers who realize the importance of protecting the youth of the land from the menace of their product.

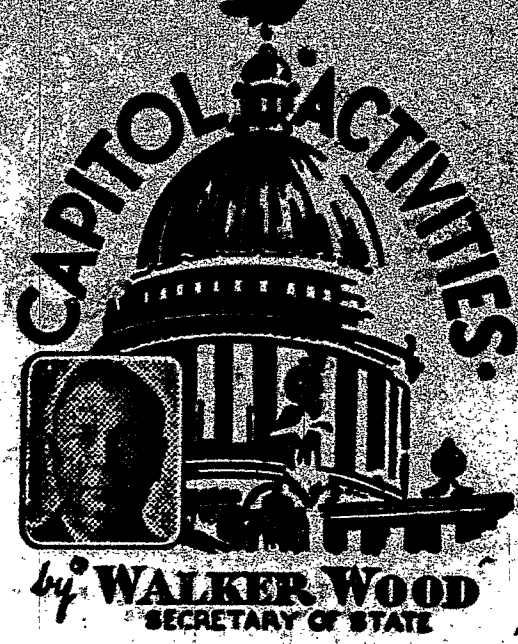
It is entirely proper that the school children of a state be advised in their youth as to the dangers of strong drink. If the program is effective it will accomplish much more, in our opinion, than the hysterical effort to promote prohibition by law.

The boys at the front deserve all-out support at home, see that they get it.

The Japanese know now that it is easier to start a war than to end one.

Every human being is religious by nature, which is the best recommendation of human beings.

After all the talk about planes, tanks and rocket guns it begins to look like the ground soldier will determine the outcome of the war.



Democratic Convention

Hon. Herbert Holmes, Chairman of the Mississippi Democratic Executive Committee, announces the State Democratic Convention will be held in Jackson on June 1. He also announces that a preliminary meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in the House of Representatives at the New Capitol on April 6. This preliminary meeting of the Executive Committee will be to study plans for holding local and county convention and to study changes in state election laws. At the State Convention delegates to the National Convention will be elected.

Teacher Retirement

The 1944 legislature appropriated \$200,000 to defray expenses of the Teacher Retirement laws, which was also passed at this session of the state lawmakers. Of the total amount appropriated \$10,000 will be used for maintenance and operation of the system, and the \$190,000 remainder will be used to pay teachers Retirement annuities.

Negro Reformatory

An appropriation has been passed of \$100,000 to erect buildings for a negro juvenile reformatory to be established on the Oakley state farm. There was some opposition to the proposed site of this reformatory, but the law finally passed location.

American Legion

The American Legion Executive Committee met in Jackson recently and set the date for the 1944 State American Legion Convention as July 10-12 in Jackson. This is one of the largest conventions to be held in Jackson during 1944.

Absentee Voter Law

Mississippi has passed absentee voter laws that will enable persons in the armed services not only to vote in primary elections, but general elections as well. President Roosevelt has been studying the replies from the Governors of the 48 states in regard to the Soldiers' vote passed by Congress. The President had until March 31 to sign, veto, or let the bill become a law without his signature.

Mississippi Blue Book

Walker Wood, Secretary of State, in addition to directing the routine business of his department, the added work that the meeting of the legislature put upon his department, during the past few days has been busy reading final proofs, of and making up an index for the 1941-1943 edition of the Mississippi Blue Book, which should begin rolling off the presses and out of the bindery in the next week or ten days. Sickness in the Secretary of State's Department, and shortage of labor in the printing establishment of the publishing contractor has delayed the issuance of the Blue Book somewhat, but when it does appear, it will be the best edition yet published, as several new features have been added by Mr. Wood.

Oil Sand 200 Feet Thick

According to State Oil and Gas Supervisor, H. M. Morse, an oil sand 200 feet thick has been found in Jasper County. An oil sand 20 feet thick is considered a good oil sand, according to Mr. Morse, and a 200 foot sand has caused such an oil boom in Jasper and surrounding counties that oil leases that usually bring around \$4 per acre are now bringing around \$400 per acre.

Sorghum Syrup

Mississippi produces nearly one-fifth of the entire crop of this syrup in the United States. According to experiments made in the state, there are five varieties that can be produced advantageously in Mississippi, viz: Honey, Hodo, Iceberg, White African and Sugar Drop.

Kudzu, Oriental Legume

J. D. Monette, acting chief State Highway Engineer, states that Kudzu, a perennial oriental legume, is being used in Mississippi on highway embankments. The runners of this grass grow from 20 to 50 ft. in a single season, requires no replanting and requires no maintenance except mowing. Approximately 347 miles of highway embankments have thus far been planted in Mississippi.

Scroll Presented to Governor

On April 3rd at the Governor's Mansion, Governor Thomas L. Bailey was presented with a memorial scroll containing plans for post war construction programs approved by the American Automobile Association. It was presented by representatives of the 25,000 "Kee-Tim Rolling" Tour sponsored by the Association and its affiliated clubs.

Look After School Buildings

State Superintendent of Education J. S. Vandiver, is calling school trustees' attention to the fact that during the next few weeks schools will be closing throughout the state. According to Superintendent Vandiver Mississippi has over six million dollars invested in school property, and he states these buildings should be insured, and after

Sellers News

Graduation exercises were held at Sellers school Thursday night, March 31st with Sam Farve, Jr., as speaker and five graduates who were as follows: Mrs. Bernice Ladner Shaw, Mrs. Katherine Hale Ladner, Mr. Robert E. Shaw, Jr., Mr. Clifton Ladner and Mr. Hubert Deschamps.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stewart announce the birth of a baby girl their second child and first girl.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Ness spent the afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ladner.

Miss Janice Ladner spent the week end with the Misses Ruth and Rosaline Stockstill of Picayune.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ladner of Fenton spent Sunday with Mr. Albert Ladner and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Bounds announce the birth of a baby girl.

Mr. J. S. Shaw made a business trip to Jackson returning Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Saucier and sister-in-law Katherine were week end guests of Mrs. Florence Saucier.

Flat Top News

Mrs. Will Miller is visiting friends and relatives in and around Angie, La. She is spending most of her time with her sister, Mrs. Emma Zengarling.

Mrs. Harris Williamson is spending several weeks with her mother, Mrs. Maude Wheat.

Pvt. Leslie Lee from Camp Shelby visited Miss Lollie Bell Knight Sunday.

Little Beth Rutherford celebrated her fifth birthday Sunday, March 26, 1944. The main feature was an Easter egg hunt that was greatly enjoyed by the children. Among the youngsters celebrating with Beth were J. W. Wheat, Brenda Martin, Barbara Jean Martin, Charles and Janice Faye Warren, Myrna Loy Mitchell, Larry Smith, Sue Ann Osbourn, Terry Delano, James and Farrell Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lott are rejoicing over receiving news from their son, Pvt. Winfred Lott that he is back in the states.

The sessions close, the buildings should be carefully looked over, doors securely locked, windows down and that the campuses, shrubbery, trees and flowers should not be neglected, and every precaution taken to prevent fires.

Raking Around

A hen up in Itawamba County weighs 15 pounds, lays two eggs a day, with two yolks to the egg, according to the Fulton Times. Deaths from appendicitis in Mississippi during 1943 numbered 148, a 62 per cent reduction since 1941, according to the State Board of Health. The Sunflower Toccin, of Indianapolis, calls attention to the fact that in March of this year Judge S. F. Davis has served 24 years as judge in that district. A cattle sale at Edwards, Miss., brought \$31,928. Polled Hereford cattle raised in Tate County, Miss., won first prize recently in a Fort Worth, Texas Stock Show, against the best that Texas could offer.

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Addresses Library Group On "Some Experiences In Eastern Europe"

Lieutenant G. W. Schultz, U. S. N., retired, addressed the library group on Tuesday afternoon at the Episcopal Parish House on "Some Experiences in Eastern Europe."

Lt. Schultz, an Annapolis graduate was in the Naval Intelligence office at Washington when he was ordered abroad in 1936 to study the Russian language and the military and naval situation within the Soviet Union. Because the Soviet government would not permit his permanent residence within its borders he was stationed in Riga, Latvia, which had once been a part of Russia and where Russian was widely known.

He told of his experiences in the Baltic countries, Finland, Poland and Soviet Russia. He described the inhabitants of each country, the languages spoken there, the religions and political problems of each nation and also pointed out the close ethnic relationship existing between Russia, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria.

In Russia Lt. Schultz witnessed the great May Day celebration in Moscow. This is one of the three holidays of Russia, November 7, the Soviet Revolution and January 24 Lenin's birthday. He said that at the time of his travels there all the churches were closed except the larger cathedrals which had been turned into anti-religious museums by the Communist government.

The speaker touched lightly on the indirect cause of the present conflict and of its possible outcome and said in closing that no one could assume that every so many years there would be a war and neither could it be taken for granted that there would not be another war. But he said that if America wants to keep her independence and maintain her security she must not be caught off her guard and she must not become complacent but "we must fight

WESTERN MUSICAL COMING TO A. & G. THEATER, SUN-MON.

Another great new Paramount musical, in Technicolor, so-starring Dorothy Lamour, Dick Powell and Victor Moore, is due to arrive next Sunday and Monday at the A. & G. Theatre, with Gil Lamb, Cass Daley and Milt Britton and his every hour, every week, every day" he said.

Lt. Schultz who was returned from Europe because of his health and who is here on a rest cure from his duties as an instructor at Bloomington University is a very interesting speaker and has had wide and varied experiences in Europe and it was indeed a privilege to have had this opportunity of hearing him. He was guest speaker at the Rotary Club on Wednesday talking along the same lines.

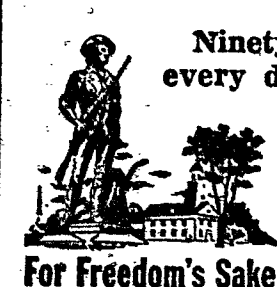
Band, when "Riding High" makes its local debut.

According to all reports, "Riding High" is one of the merriest film-musicals ever made a whiz-bang of a Western, glorified with gorgeous girls, peppy tunes, eye-filling costumes—all that and Technicolor, too!

It tells the hilarious story of Victor Moore, a counterfeiter, who tries to elude Sheriff Gil Lamb and play Cupid to Dottie and Dick Powell at the same time.

"Riding High" is said to be in the spirit of recent Paramount big-time comedy musicals like "Star Spangled Rhythm," "Happy Go Lucky" and the famous "Road" pictures.

Ninety-six cents out of every dollar goes for War expenditures. The other four cents goes for Government expenses. "as usual."



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

How to make a real post-war plan

Sure's a lot of talk going around nowadays about post-war planning... folks passing resolutions... statesmen holding conferences... governments making promises to each other.

But as Bert Childers says: "What good is all this drawing up of plans unless each one of us decides to make his corner of the world a better place to live in?"

From where I sit, Bert's put the problem in a nutshell. Governments can pass all the resolutions and make all the treaties

they can think of—and it's still up to the people themselves to see to it that the world is ruled by tolerance and understanding. Unless we make up our minds to respect the other fellow's rights and liberties—whether it's the right to enjoy a glass of beer occasionally or the right to vote according to our conscience—all our post-war planning won't be worth the paper that it's printed on.

Joe Marsh

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Waveland, Mississippi, will receive sealed bids to be delivered to the Clerk of the Town Council on or before eight o'clock P. M. on the 27th day of APRIL, 1944, for the furnishing of the following equipment to-wit:

1. One HAHN MOTOR TRAILER, of its equivalent according to specifications on file in the office of the Secretary of the Town of Waveland, Mississippi. Copy of these specifications may be secured on request addressed to the undersigned, enclosing self addressed stamped envelope.

2. 500 feet of 2 1/2 inch fire hose with Rocker Lugs attached, to meet the requirements and test of the Fire Underwriters Laboratory specifications.

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Waveland reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive all formalities and to award the contract to the best interest of the Town of Waveland, Mississippi.

Ordered this 28th day of March 1944.

MRS. H. K. HOLDERITH

Secretary, Town of Waveland, Mississippi.

CHANCERY SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
To the heirs at law of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Seither, deceased.

You are summoned to appear before the Chancery Court of the County of Hancock, in said State, on the Second Monday of May, A. D. 1944, to defend the suit No. 4788 in said Court of Mrs. Magdalena Seither Cuevas, the same being a petition for recognition and decree to be the sole and only surviving heir at law of the said Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Seither, wherein you are Defendants.

This 22 day of March, A. D. 1944.
(SEAL) A. G. FAYRE, Clerk.



ORTTE THEATRE SUNDAY-MONDAY "GIRL CRAZY"

With Mickey Rooney, Judy Garland and Gil Stratton, "Rags" Ragland, Nancy Walker, Robt. E. Strickland, June Allyson, Guy Kibbee and Tommy Dorsey and His Orchestra

Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland are teamed together for the eighth time in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's lifting filmization of the smash Broadway hit of a few seasons ago, "Girl Crazy" to play at Ortte Theatre Sunday and Monday.

The original Gershwin score is retained and played by none other than Tommy Dorsey and his band. Judy sings the favorites "Bidin' My Time" and "Embraceable You" among many others, and dances two production numbers, proving the young singer is fast becoming one of the best dancers today.

It's Mickey Rooney's fondness for night clubbing and girls that causes his father to send him to Cody College in Arizona, in the hope Mickey will reform. Mickey arrives in Arizona to discover Ginger Gray, played by Judy, granddaughter of the dean, is the only girl at the school. He falls in love with her promptly, but Judy wants nothing to do with the tenderfoot quitter. Mickey shows his true character when he decides to stick it out, and Judy relents. When the school is about to be closed for lack of enrollment, Mickey plans a rodeo carnival. The publicity brings in an avalanche of new applications. Cody College is saved and both Mickey and Judy are happy.

Four Newcomers

Several young newcomers are introduced for the first time to support the Garland-Rooney team. They are June Allyson, Gil Stratton, Nancy Walker and Robert A. Strickland, all of the Broadway stage.

NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY RESIDING WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BAY SAINT LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI.

WHEREAS, there has been filed with me, the undersigned Chairman of the Hancock County Executive Committee of the Democratic Party, a petition signed by more than five (5) members of the Democratic Party residing within the limits of the City of Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, petitioning a Mass Meeting to be held on the second floor of the City Hall in said City on the 29th day of April, 1944, at eleven o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing a Temporary Democratic Executive Committee for said City, which Committee shall act and do all things necessary for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two Commissioners of said City, all as provided for by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED that a Mass Meeting be called for the Members of the Democratic Party residing within the limits of the City of Bay Saint Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi, to be held on the second floor of the City Hall of said City at eleven o'clock A. M. on the 29th day of April, 1944, for the purpose of electing a Temporary Democratic Executive Committee for said City, which Committee shall act and do all things necessary for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two Commissioners of said City, as provided for by law, it appearing in said petition that there is no Democratic Executive Committee of said City.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that this notice be published in the Sea Coast Echo, a newspaper published in the City of Bay Saint Louis and having a general circulation within the limits of the said City, for three (3) weeks as provided for by law. Ordered this 3rd day of April, A. D. 1944.

LEO W. SEAL
Chairman, Hancock County Democratic Executive Committee.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF MRS. MARY ISABEL WILLIAMS MULLER, DECEASED

Letters testamentary having been granted on the 27th day of March, A. D. 1944 by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi to the undersigned upon the estate of Mrs. Mary Isabel Williams Muller, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said court for probate and registration according to law within six months from this date or said claims will be forever barred.

This 31st day of March, A. D. 1944.

MRS. MARGARET WILLIAMS RIVE
Executrix of Said Estate.

CHANCERY SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
To Emile G. Kuepferle and all persons claiming to be "The Heirs at law of George Kuepferle, deceased," you are summoned to appear before the Chancery Court of the County of Hancock in said State on the second Monday of May, 1944 to answer the suit No. 4780 in said court of Louis C. Kuepferle and Jules Kuepferle, wherein you are defendants, being a suit by the petitioners, Louis C. Kuepferle and Jules Kuepferle, to have themselves and the said Emile G. Kuepferle recognized and decreed to be the sole and only surviving heirs at law of the said George Kuepferle, deceased.

This 22 day of March, A. D. 1944.
(SEAL) A. G. FAYRE, Clerk.

WAR RATION BOARD COLUMN

PROCESSED FOODS: Blue stamps A8 through E8 (Book No. 4) valid indefinitely at 10 points each, for use with tokens.

MEATS AND FATS: Red stamps A8 through J8 (Book No. 4) valid indefinitely at 10 points each, for use with tokens. Red stamps K8, M8, N8 become valid April 9.

SUGAR: Sugar stamp No. 30 (Book 4) good for five pounds indefinitely. Sugar stamp No. 31 (Book No. 4) good for five pounds indefinitely.

CANNING SUGAR: Sugar Stamp No. 40 (Book No. 4) good for five pounds of canning sugar until February 28, 1945. (Apply to local Board for supplemental canning rations.)

SHOES: Stamp No. 18 (Book No. 1) expires April 30. Airplane Stamp No. 1 (Book No. 3) valid indefinitely. Another shoe stamp yet to be designated, will become valid May 1.

GASOLINE: A-11 Coupons now valid, expire June 21. (Good for 3 gallons each.)

Expiration Dates Removed

Major relief for the nation's retailers from the burdens of food rationing was announced by OPA, which directed the removal of expiration dates from red and blue stamps, used for buying meats, fats, oils and processed fruits and vegetables.

OPA said most housewives, too, will benefit from this change. It was explained that the difficulty of keeping track of overlapping expiration dates and of waiting to check out in food stores will be eliminated. From now on the red and blue stamps in War Ration Book Four will be good indefinitely, just as sugar and shoe stamps are. Advance notice will be given "if it is found necessary to retire any food stamps."

The introduction of tokens as the small change of rationing has made it possible to remove the expiration dates on stamps, OPA said. There will be no change in the rate at which stamps become good. Housewives may continue to budget their family purchases of rationed foods on the basis of three red stamps (worth 30 points) every second Sunday, and five blue stamps (worth 50 points) the first of every month.

Meat Point Value About Same

New meat ration point values now in effect are virtually unchanged from March, OPA has announced. All popular fresh cuts of beef, pork, veal and mutton continue at the values set for March.

Likewise, the point value of butter remains at 48 points. Shortening, and salad and cooking oils are both reduced one point to four points per pound.

Cream, neuchatel and creamed cottage cheese are increased 2 points to 12 points per pound. Lard will remain at zero point and margarine remains at 6 points per pound.

Main exception to the general maintenance of March points is meats packed in tin or glass containers and ready-to-eat meats. Many of these items are reduced one and two points.

In the canned fish category, mackerel and sardines are reduced four points to 8 points per pound. Other minor changes include a reduction of one point in lamb and mutton variety meats, and a cut to zero in points in the value of pork spare-ribs.

Sausage points remain at the same level as recently announced.

Frozen Items Removed

Point values of all frozen fruits and vegetables, accounting for about 6 per cent of all rationed processed foods, will be at zero for the period of April 2 through April 29, OPA announced.

Other important point value adjustments include the reduction of canned peas and fig and plum jams to zero. Small containers of tomato juice (14 ounces and under) were reduced to one point each. Minor adjustments were made for some larger containers of tomato juice and soups.

With the exception of frozen fruits and vegetables and canned peas, it will be found that most point values for rationed processed foods are unchanged. Canned fruits remain at old levels while most canned vegetables will continue to be point bargains.

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IRVING BERLIN'S 'ARMY' AT A. & G. THEATRE THURSDAY-FRIDAY, APRIL 13-14

Movie Version of "This Is The Army" Starts Engagement

Irving Berlin's "This Is The Army" which successfully stormed city after city in its original stage version, comes to the screen of the A. & G. Theatre Thursday and Friday, April 13-14 in its Warner Bros. Technicolor production. The picture will be a happy invasion of the hearts of America by its stalwart and talented sons in the service.

Hollywood is richly represented by among others, Geo. Murphy, Joan Leslie, Lieutenant Ronald Reagan, George Tobias, Alan Hale, Charles Butterworth and Una Merkel. Radio's great star, Kate Smith, sings the beloved hymn, "God Bless America," which she introduced to the nation over the air waves. Frances Langford puts over the new Berlin number "What Does He Look Like" while Gertrude Niesen sings some of the composer's World War 1 tunes.

Calendar of Events

- First Monday—**
King's Daughters Circle, Hospital, 10 a. m.
Pere Le Duc Council Knights of Columbus, K. C. Hall, 8:15 p. m.
- First Tuesday—**
Episcopal Guild—Episcopal Parish House, 10 a. m.
- First Tuesday—**
S. J. A. Mothers' Club, Convent, 3:30 P. M.
- Red Cross Executive Committee—**
First Wednesday at 10 A. M. at Courthouse.
- Every First Tuesday—**
Waveland Kings Daughters Circle.
- First Wednesday—**
St. Margaret's Daughters, Home of Mrs. G. Y. Blaize, 3 p. m.
Boy Scouts, K. C. Hall, 8 p. m.
Rotary Luncheon, Noon, Hotel Reed.
- Woman's Missionary Union, Baptist Church, 3 p. m.**
- First Thursday—**
Woman's Benevolent Association, Girl Scout House, 8 p. m.
- First Friday—**
Scout Executive Supper-Meeting, Hotel Reed, 6:30 p. m.
- First Sunday—Society of Immaculate Conception, 2 p. m.**
- Second Tuesday—**
Central School P.-T. A., School Building, 3 p. m.
W. O. W. Cedar Grove Camp, 507 W. O. W. Hall, 7:30 p. m.
Masonic Lodge, F. & A. M., Masonic Temple, 8 p. m.
- Second Wednesday—**
Rotary Luncheon, Noon, Hotel Reed.
- Second Thursday—**
Bay-Waveland Garden Club, 3 p. m.
Eastern Star, Masonic Temple, 5:30 P. M.
- Third Monday—**
Pere le Duc Council, Knights of Columbus, K. C. Hall, 8:15 p. m.
- Third Tuesday—**
Woman's Society of Christian Service, 3 p. m.
United Spanish War Veterans, City Hall, 8 p. m.
- Third Wednesday—**
Rotary Luncheon, Noon, Hotel Reed.
- Fourth Tuesday—**
Library Board at Parish House, 9 a. m.
Followed by Book Review, 10 a. m.
- Fourth Wednesday—Rotary Luncheon, Noon, Hotel Reed.**
- Fourth Thursday—**
Fine Grove Circle, No. 167, W. O. W. Hall.

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Receives Second Award In England

An Eighth AAF Fighter Station, England—Second-Lieutenant Ernest E. Russell, of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, has been awarded two Oak Leaf Clusters to his Air Medal for "Meritorious service in aerial flight in the completion of twenty operational sorties over enemy occupied Continental Europe." The Mississippi fighter-pilot had been previously awarded the Air Medal in December, 1943.

A veteran flier with one of the oldest and largest Thunderbolt P.47 fighter groups over here in England, Lt. Russell received the Clusters from his group commander, Colonel James J. Stone, Jr., of Westfield, New Jersey, during a recent ceremony held on their Eighth Fighter Command base.

The group Lt. Russell is with has been flying operationally against the German Luftwaffe since early in April, 1943. They have completed over 140 sorties against the most heavily defended area in the world—comprising all of France, Germany and a large section of occupied Europe, in the so-called "Big Leagues" of aerial warfare.

Lt. Russell's group has destroyed over 100 German aircraft since it began combat operations in this theatre of war.

Mainly the group's role has been an escort one. They have taken the hard-hitting Flying Fortresses and Liberators deep into the German Reich, protected the bombers while right over the target, and then brought the B-17's and B-24's all the way back to their English bases.

Recently the group has gone out as "dive bombers" and has plastered airfields in France with 500 pound bombs. Their seven ton Thunderbolt fighting plane, the world's largest single-engine fighter and, additionally, having the greatest firepower with its eight fifty-calibre machine guns, has proven itself at all altitudes against the best planes the Axis has over there.

Lt. Russell, 21, attended Bay High

School prior to enlisting in the Aviation Cadets. He took his primary training at Carstrom Field in Arcadia, Florida and advanced training in Marianna, Florida.

His parents formerly resided in Bay St. Louis.

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RECEIVE NEWS FROM SON WHO IS PRISONER OF WAR

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruffin of Logtown are in receipt of the following letter from their son, PFC Willie Ruffin, who is a prisoner of war in Germany:

"Hello Mother & Dad:
There was a proud fellow in the compound this week. I received my first letter from you. The first I had heard from you in about 8 months. I was sure glad all was well. As for me, I am just fine. I also received the package and cigarettes. Thanks a million. I sure needed them.

The Red Cross has been very kind to us. They have sent us clothes and shoes. Each man also receives a food package from the Red Cross each week. I am surely glad Hazel and Gladys are doing well. Write and tell me of the news. How are all of the folks in the flats? I will stop for this time. Answer real soon.

God keep you safe for me, please!
Love,
Bill"

Mr. and Mrs. Ruffin had not heard from their boy for many months after he was reported a prisoner. Later a letter came and some packages were sent to him, and finally this letter arrived telling them that he had received some of the things that they had sent. It was indeed, a happy moment for the parents of this boy when they received news from him.

We sincerely hope that his prayer will be answered and that God will preserve and protect his good father and mother until such time as this boy is able to return to them.

Fenton & Dedeaux

Mr. and Mrs. Lacey Beane of Picayune visited friends and relatives here Sunday.

Miss Margie Garriga and Mrs. J. C. Mauffray were visitors in Gulfport Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Agnel Moran and family of Pascagoula spent the week end visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. G. O. Garriga had as her guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Willys Rhodes and son Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garriga and daughter, Janice Faye and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Garriga of Bay St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lizana and family of Pascagoula were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lizana.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Larry Skirmettia six years old, underwent an T. and A. operation at the Kings Daughters Hospital this week. Ennis Johnson, 3 years old also a T. and A. Both of the youngsters are doing nicely.

Charles Bernard, Rigolets, underwent an operation at the hospital and is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strong announce the birth of a son on March 29 at the Kings Daughters hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Finch of Pass Christian announce the birth of a son on March 27.

Little 19 months old C. J. Williams son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Williams of Kiln is a pneumonia patient at the hospital here.

Mrs. Raymond Sleeman announces the birth of a daughter at the Kings Daughters Hospital. Mr. Sleeman is overseas.

Brother Pius, St. Stanislaus had the misfortune to catch his hand in a machine at the school which necessitated treatment at the hospital. It was said that one finger is broken. He was not retained at the hospital.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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BIDS will be received for the construction of St. Clare's Rectory, Waveland. For plans and specifications see Father Costello.

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3. I Will scrape away all inflammable material before building a campfire, then build it in a hole dug in the center of this cleared space.
4. I Will put out campfires before I leave—stir the coals while soaking them with water; wet the ground around the fire; make certain the last spark is dead.
5. I Will Never burn brush in windy weather, or without plenty of help.
6. I Will put out any small fires I find, or report them AT ONCE by phoning the Ranger or Fire Warden.
7. I Will remember that a burning match, a glowing cigarette, or a smoldering campfire can be just as dangerous as an incendiary bomb . . . that careless matches aid the Axis.

Lenten Study Class Closes

The Lenten Study Class of Christ Episcopal church closed the study of the book "For All of Life" which they have studied by chapters. Rev. Andrew Allison reviewed the entire book and brought to the class much of his personal experiences during his thirty-three years as a missionary to China.

Mr. Allison said that had he written the book he would have written the last chapter first because it deals with the acceptance of the Scripture. He said if you accepted Christ and followed the command "Go ye into all the world preaching the Gospel to every man" then all other things advocated in the book would come to pass.

The group considered it a privilege to have heard Mr. Allison and especially because he has spent the greater part of his life doing missionary work in China.

Death of Mrs. May Bopp Linder

Died on Saturday, April 1 at 12:52 p. m. Mrs. May Bopp Linder of New Orleans.

Funeral services were held from the home of Sharp-Sontheimer-Tharp, Inc., New Orleans on Sunday, April 2 at 3:30 p. m. Interment in St. Patrick cemetery No. 1 following religious services at St. Anthony's church.

Mrs. Linder was the sister of R. J. Bopp of this city. She also left a son Henry J. Linder, Jr. and a daughter Mrs. Fred Simms, Jr. and a sister Mrs. M. J. Ayala all of New Orleans.

The Echo joins the friends of Mr. Bopp in extending sympathy.

Fire Practically Destroys Waveland Home

Fire practically destroyed the summer home of the Sam Keen's on Saturday of last week at 1:30 p. m. The home had been occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Merrill of Massachusetts for the winter months and the Keen's had notified them that they would be coming out from New Orleans earlier this season due to Mr. Keen's health and the Merrill's had taken the Gerald Price home here and were moving their household effects there. Mr. Merrill was at the Bay St. Louis place and Mrs. Merrill was alone at the Keen house when she discovered smoke in the bathroom. She attempted to extinguish the blaze but the fire had gotten under way. She called for help and a neighbor turned in the alarm and the Bay St. Louis fire department was soon on the scene and was able to get the fire under control with no damage to further than the room and garret. The Hancock county Gunnersy and Bombing range fire equipment was on hand also and assisted in a great way in helping quench the fire in the little time because there was danger of it spreading to other homes near by. As usual the Bay St. Louis fire department was there with no loss of time and did splendid work.

Most of the household effects were saved it was said and the loss is estimated at about \$1500. The Keen's have had the misfortune of losing their home several years ago and had rebuilt on the grounds. We are extending our regrets at the loss they have sustained.

Members of Farmers' Cooperative Association Holds Informal Meeting

An informal meeting of the members of the Farmers' Cooperative Association Board of directors and interested citizens of Bay St. Louis was held Thursday to discuss the future of dairying for Hancock County. Among the visitors present were H. O. Pate, president of New Orleans Bank for Cooperatives; J. H. Magruder, representative Farm Credit Administration, New Orleans; Martin Need, information specialist for Farm Credit Administration, Kansas City and Washington.

During the afternoon a portion of the dairying section of Hancock County was visited. The tour planned by J. L. Crump, Hubert B. Duckworth, county FSA supervisor, Wayne Allison, sanitation engineer was for the benefit of the out-of-town visitors.

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Kiln News

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Travira and son Chester, Jr., of Mississippi State College were guests of Supervisor Lander Necaise Sunday visiting him also were Pvt. and Mrs. Herman Mazarakis and several of their friends from Waveland.

Mr. Andrew Henley who has been in the Baptist Hospital for the past

few days is reported to be doing better, it is hoped by his friends that he has a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Willie Ladner and Willie, Jr., spent Sunday with Mrs. S. L. Favre.

In a softball game between Bay High and Kiln team Sunday only one inning was played and resulted in a tie game the weather being too bad to continue.

The local Negro school gave a program Saturday night for the benefit of the Red Cross and netted a nice little sum which was immediately turned over to Mr. Geo. Curet local chairman.

Mr. Henry McKay who has been in Touro Infirmary since his recent accident is reported to be in an improved condition.

A dance will be given at the Kiln Gym Saturday, April 8 for the benefit of the Kiln School and the athletic fund and orchestra from Bay High will furnish music and patrons and students of other schools are invited to attend.

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Aaron Academy Leetown News

Pvt. Hugh Craft arrived home on Saturday night to spend his furlough with his mother, Mrs. Letha Craft.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Carlos spent the week end with relatives and friends here. Leo is now stationed in New Orleans.

Miss Ada Rae Mitchell spent the week end here with her parents.

Mrs. Wiley Frierson received another letter from her son W. C. who is a prisoner of war in Germany. He says he is well and being treated well.

Doc and Edward Narrowly escaped serious injury when the car in which they were riding was wrecked and thrown under the bridge on Highway 90 just above John McCarty's. They reported that the steering wheel gear came loose.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frierson, Mr. and Mrs. George Frierson and Ruby had letters from their son Jobe Edward that he is on the old Burma Road with supply transports.

Mr. and Mrs. Horatio Frierson have late news from all their sons. Though not all three are in England.

Mrs. Gibson has late news from her three sons. Willard is in Italy; Henry in the South Pacific and Dempsey in California that they are all well.

Late reports are that Corp. Leo (Jack) Thigpen is in a hospital some where with some tropical disease. We pray for him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Forrest Summers has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Horatio Frierson.

Gainesville News

Mr. and Mrs. Talmon Jones have moved back to their home after being in Harvey, La., for sometime.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Strahan from Picayune were visitors here Sunday.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jones were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson, from Liberty, Miss.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. C. E. Davis Sunday were Mrs. Edith Armstrong from Waveland, Miss.; Mrs. Jones Favre from Bay St. Louis, and the former Miss Hart Davis and husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Lumby Penton from Pearl River are building their home here.

We are happy to announce that Mr. Rosaire McKen is home and doing fine after undergoing a serious operation at Martin's Sanatorium.

Waveland News

Mrs. Leonard Stockstill and Mrs. John Lee are visiting Mrs. Albert Smith of Hattiesburg.

Pvt. Kimball Lee of Fort Breckinridge, Ky., is home on furlough.

Mr. F. J. Lee is working at the Merchant Marine Base at Henderson Point, Miss.

Mrs. Mary Odum is visiting relatives near Carriere, Miss.

Mrs. Jack Lee had as guests Sunday her parents Mr. and Mrs. Odum and family from Purvis, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie P. Lee and family were visitors in Lumberton, Miss., Sunday.

Miss Mary Alice Lee has returned home from the Poplarville hospital and is doing fine.

Mrs. Hazel Stockstill, Mrs. John L. Baker and Miss Velma Lee Baker made a business trip to New Orleans, La., Friday.

Mrs. Harvey Smith has gone to Camp Sibert, Alabama to see her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lee left Sunday for Port Arthur, Texas after spending two weeks with his father and mother Mr. and Mrs. Fitzhugh Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Otho Rester and Mr. Henry Witatt made a business trip to Gulfport Wednesday evening where Mr. Rester purchased a Ford tractor with all equipment for farming.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Longmires were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Necaise Sunday.

Miss Hallie Rester has gone to Henleyfield to spend a while with her grandmother Mrs. Megehee.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Necaise visited Mrs. Necaise's mother Mrs. Wilson Cuevas Sunday.

Little Miss Sylvia Lee who has been spending the winter with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Lee has gone to Picayune to spend a while with her parents.



Waveland News

Waveland Tops Red Cross Quota
The Red Cross War Fund Drive in the Town of Waveland exceeds its quota. Mrs. E. C. Carriere, chairman of the drive, wishes to thank her fellow coworkers who labored so diligently and all those who contributed so generously in making this drive such a grand success.

Kings Daughters Circle Meets

The regular meeting was held on Tuesday, April 4th in the Town Hall. Plans were discussed and voted to have the surgical dressing room and place of meeting thoroughly renovated. Ten members have volunteered to meet at the home of Mrs. L. T. Boyd to make the Kite Bags for the service men. The group will meet at 10 o'clock on Tuesday, April 11th.

Anne Jenkins daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. Jenkins has improved wonderfully in health, and is now strong enough to undergo the tonsillectomy operation to be performed on Monday in the Kings Daughters Hospital, Bay St. Louis.

The Lenten season is drawing to a close. Services in St. Claire's church for Holy Week will be observed as follows:

Good Friday service at 7 A. M. and The Way of the Cross at 3 P. M. and 7:30 P. M. Holy Saturday at 7 A. M. Easter Sunday Masses at 7 and 10 A. M.

The Mothers Club of Waveland School netted a nice sum of \$55.00 from the Rummage Sale which was held at the Town Hall on March 31 and April 1. The Club wishes to thank everyone who contributed toward the success of the sale.

Mrs. Robert Toye and sons Jackie and Bob were visitors last week at home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Angelle of Pine Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Condon have bought the home owned by Mr. Garcia in Waveland Highlands. This house is being moved to their lots on Waveland avenue adjoining Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bourgeois. The Condons are thrilled in having this home and plan to improve it from every angle.

News comes from Mrs. Georgiana Howard that she is comfortably located with her sisters at 621 Baracks street in New Orleans. She writes she plans to visit in Maryland in the near future. The Howards resided in Waveland avenue for 3 years. Mrs. Howard moving to New Orleans since her husband's death in February.

The Raymond Nelsons are expected over for the Easter holidays.

Completion of the new roof on the Town Hall is a big improvement. The Kings Daughters Circle are now comfortably located in their rooms there, having moved from the school which they occupied temporarily until the roof was completed.

Mrs. M. Persson of New Orleans spent the week end at her summer home. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ganet visited here as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Necaise.

Lucky Number 49 won the cake sponsored by the Mothers Club. Amount netted \$7.00

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Logtown News

Mrs. D. R. Sacerdote spent last Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Ethel Marshall and the delicious lemon pie that was served is still the favorite topic of conversation. Think we'll all go next Saturday.

Guests of Mrs. George Summers and family Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jaton Russ and son, Jerry of New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ludkin and son, Wesley, of Jackson, spent the week end with Mrs. Annette Koch recently.

Miss Dorothy Arendale of Hattiesburg came down on Friday and was the guest of Miss Shirley Fountain for the week end. She attended the Senior play at Bay High, in which Miss Fountain played a leading part. On Sunday, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Arendale, in the Fountain home and after a day spent in New Orleans, they returned to Hattiesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Ames Russ of Poplarville; Miss Pauline Russ, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Couloung, Jr., and two lovely children, of New Orleans, spent Sunday which was Ames birthday, with Mrs. J. L. Russ. Mrs. Warren Traub and baby daughter are making their home with Mrs. Russ during the time Mr. Traub is in the service, so the whole family were there except Mrs. Apple, who resides in Mexico and Howell, who is in the army.

Miss Jane Wolf of Bay St. Louis spent Tuesday night here as the guest of Miss Mary Catherine Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wright of New Orleans spent Tuesday at their country home here.

Mrs. Doris M. Lisard spent last week end as the guest of Mrs. G. O. Kerr.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the father, Mr. Jesse Dawsey, grandmother Mrs. Louisa Holden and other relatives of Pfc. Frank Dawsey who has recently been reported missing in action in Italy, since Feb. 23.

Mrs. Charles Ruffin of Westonia Tower had as her week end guests her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Lee and boys of New Orleans.



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Tuesday
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FRED MACMURRAY in
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Also—Special Attraction

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—Mrs. Harold May is spending a few days in New Orleans.

—Mrs. Ulysses Cuevas and Mrs. L. L. Kergosien spent Friday in New Orleans.

—Mrs. Myrtle Ansley spent Sunday here with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ansley.

—Mrs. Verna Presley spent Friday in New Orleans purchasing stock for the Ramsey Dress Shop.

—Mrs. Elmo Blaize and children Elmo Blaize, Jr., and Janet are spending a few days in New Orleans.

—Dr. Martin who is at the Merchant Marine Basic School has taken the Donald Halsey home in Waveland.

—Mrs. Joel Lawrence spent last week end at Holly Bluff on the Jordan as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Crump.

—Among the families coming to their summer homes for the Easter holidays are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thompson.

—Miss Regina Vaughn of Gulfport and Miss Beverly O'Dowd of Algiers were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bourgeois and daughters.

—Corporal and Mrs. S. A. Clark spent last week end here as guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Douglas Bourgeois.

—The Central School P. T. A. will meet on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 in the music room of the school. A full attendance is urged.

—Mrs. Tony Lanoux of New Orleans is visiting her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lyons at their home in Dunbar avenue.

—Frank Rheidal of New Orleans has purchased the Scharff cottage in Bay View Court and will take possession on May first.

—Corporal Walter James Phillips has recently been transferred from Camp Blanding, to Fort Benning for advanced training.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles White will leave Saturday for Bath, Maine, to visit Mr. White's mother. Mrs. White is the former Miss Rena Nelson.

—Mr. Bernard Blaize is ill at his home in Carroll avenue. He is somewhat improved but is still confined to his bed.

—Mr. L. H. Dinkeldien has returned to New Orleans after two weeks spent here as the guest of Mayor and Mrs. G. Y. Blaize.

—Rev. Father Leo Fahey and his brother Joe Fahey were visitors to Bay St. Louis on Monday of this week.

—Mrs. Richard Madden, the former Miss Carrie Lynn Nolan, is with her mother Mrs. Carrie Nolan while her husband is overseas.

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—Miss Lucy Richardson left on Thursday for Jacksonville Florida to visit her mother and family Mr. and Mrs. William Richardson.

—Mr. A. Phillips, Jr. and E. J. Gray have returned to their duties at "Old Miss" after a short spring vacation spent with their parents here.

—Mr. Emmet Kergosien of Bogalusa was a recent visitor to the home of his mother Mrs. A. A. Kergosien at her home in Carroll avenue.

—Mrs. James Mehaffey who has been ill at the home of her mother and grandmother Mrs. Louis Banderet and Mrs. Robert Perre, is reported improving.

—Jimmy McDonald left Thursday for Anniston, Alabama, to spend the Easter holidays with his brother and sister-in-law, Lt. and Mrs. David N. McDonald.

—Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Thomas and little daughter are spending the Easter holidays here with Mrs. Thomas' parents Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moore.

—Mr. and Mrs. Norvin Penrose and children Nannette and Norvin, Jr., are occupying the home of Mrs. Penrose's brother Henry Chapman at Edwardsville.

—Dr. and Mrs. Louis J. Bristow spent last week end here as guests of Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Sellers who are spending a few days at their summer home here.

—Mrs. E. Little, of New Orleans was a guest here over Saturday and Sunday of Mrs. Richard Madden. Mrs. Little is the former Miss Aubrey Toca. Lieut. Little is overseas.

—St. Joseph Academy closed for the Easter holidays on Tuesday and will resume work on Tuesday, April 11. St. Stanislaus closed on Tuesday also and classes will be resumed on Thursday, April 13.

—Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Price have had recent news of their son Gerald Price, Jr., who is on one of the islands of the South Seas, that he is well and safe. He is in the service of the Navy but is at present stationed on the island of Hawaii.

—Mrs. Gerald Price has as her house guest of her aunt Mrs. Bob Colley, of Mobile, Alabama. Mrs. Colley's brother Forest Lader late of New York and her son Ira Colley of New Orleans were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Price on Monday.

—Mrs. Paul Jaubert left last Friday to join her husband at Boston where Mr. Jaubert, U. S. Coast Guard is stationed. Mrs. Jaubert has been here with her parents Mr. and Mrs. John A. Green, Sr., for several months.

—Mrs. Joseph Folse has returned from Jackson where she joined Miss Joseph Folse at the home of his parents on a short furlough. He and Mrs. Folse returned to Bay St. Louis for a visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Davis.

—J. T. Wolfe, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Townsend Wolfe suffered a severe cut on the chin when he fell at school while playing. Several stitches were taken and J. T. is again out to the delight of his school mates.

—Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Neacise and son of Mobile spent a few days here as guests of her mother Mrs. A. J. Besancon. They went to New Orleans for a few days visit to Mrs. Neacise's sister Mrs. P. A. Morreale and returned here to spend the Easter holidays with Mrs. Besancon.

—Miss Ann Weston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Weston, has been elected captain of the Sullivan Academy basketball team. Congratulations, Miss Weston. Bay St. Louis is always glad to know that the girls and boys have won recognition.

—Mr. and Mrs. Raul Telhiard, Miss Vivian Telhiard and Mrs. Gene Mont attended the graduation exercises of the Jackson Infirmary Training School for nurses on March 26th. Miss Thelma Telhiard was among the seventeen graduating on that day.

—Joseph S. Blaize, U. S. Coast Guard, visited his wife and little son, Charles Gary Blaize, over the week end. He was on hand to help Charles Gary, celebrate his first birthday which he did in great glee. Happy birthday Charles and lots and lots of birthdays.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Arceneaux, Sr., had as their week end guest their daughter-in-law Mrs. E. J. Arceneaux, Jr., of New Orleans. They were joined here on Saturday and Sunday by Sgt. and Mrs. P. G. Bernheim and little daughter Stephanie Ann of Gulfport. The occasion was the birthday of Lieut. E. J. Arceneaux, Jr., who is in England.

—Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs. J. B. Goldman have returned from Pensacola, Florida, where they attended the graduation of their youngest son Lando Goldman who presented his wings and his commission as Ensign in the Naval Air Corps. Ensign Goldman returned home with his parents for a short leave.

Presents Members Of Bay High Dramatic Club In Play

Mrs. Natalie Watson, Bay High English instructor presented the members of her dramatic club in a three-act comedy on Friday evening at the school auditorium entitled "The Bat in the Belfry."

The young and talented group did full credit to Mrs. Watson's training and to themselves.

The play was well staged and clicked all the way through and provided an enjoyable evening for the parents and friends of the students.

The following is the cast: Fred McDonald, Bob Dresher, John Mirambell, Jack Wolfe, Fred Winslow, Clois Pucheu, Irma Moran, Alicia Rollins, Marsha Jones, Shelby Westin, Shirley Fountain, Jane Wolfe, Audrey Lee Biehl and Marie Burg.

During intermissions Eloise Collier did a tap dance in her own clever manner, the Bay High Male Quartette pleased with two selections and Mrs. Watson gave several piano selections. Margaret Cook was stage craft director, Jack Bourgeois, lighting, Charles Schertz radio announcer and Mary Catherine Sharp make up.

—Mrs. Richard Koch, the former Miss Lois Ansley, underwent an operation on Friday of last week at the Lutheran Hospital at Orange, Texas. Reports from there are that Mrs. Koch is doing nicely.

—Since it was impossible to personally contact all of the workers in the Red Cross War Fund Drive Mrs. Roger Boh, county chairman and Mrs. George R. Rea, city chairman, take this means of expressing their appreciation for the 100 per cent cooperation and work throughout the county.

—The faculty and student body of Bay High were given a quota of \$120 for the Red Cross War Fund Drive turned in a total collection of \$220. This was the individual collection among teachers and students and the first grade and Sophomore classes headed the list in the amount handed in.

—Dr. Leroy Bursey, who is with the Public Health unit of the Merchant Marines has been transferred from the M. M. Cadet Basic School, Henderson Point, to Atlanta. Dr. and Mrs. Bursey who reside on Nicholson avenue made many friends here who regret their leaving.

—Mrs. D. A. Wade of Waveland was the winner of the Blue Parrot Crystal Set raffled by the Sophomores of St. Stanislaus for the Benefit of the Mission Fund. The Sophomore class, through its president, Pat Wilson, wishes to take this opportunity to thank all those who partook in the raffle by their purchase of chances and extends heartiest thanks to Fred Schaub, the donor of the prize and to Fred Schaub, Donald Mooring and Lee Hayden, the principal vendors of the raffle tickets.

—Mr. Walter J. Gex was a business visitor to Carroll, Fla. last week. He was accompanied on the trip by Dr. H. A. Eldredge and W. Scott Morrill.

—Curtis Favre, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Favre, has passed all of his physical examinations and has been sworn in for training in the Naval Air Corps. He will be one of the St. Stanislaus graduates in June and will leave July 1st for training.

—Lieutenant-Colonel Bernie Bierman, Marine Corps and Mrs. Bierman were luncheon guests on Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Seal. Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Bierman were enroute to New Orleans from Pensacola where they are stationed. Lt.-Col. Bierman was formerly athletic coach at Mississippi State, Tulane and the University of Minnesota and was at the latter when called into service.

—Mrs. E. F. Bologna and Mrs. Alene Ruiz of Baton Rouge were visitors to St. Joseph Academy last week. Mrs. Bologna came to see her daughters Misses Frances and "Pet" Bologna students and who were taking part in the variety entertainment which was put on by the Sophomore class for the mission fund. The Misses Bologna accompanied their mother home and will spend the Easter holidays there. The entertainment consisted of vocal and piano selections and dances with clever impersonations of the Hollywood Stars. It was a fine program and was cleverly acted.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown us during the death of Mrs. Dissie Ford.

Special thanks to the doctor and Mrs. W. A. McDonald, Mrs. C. C. McDonald, Pastor and members of People Baptist Church and the Baylous Funeral Home.

MR. AND MRS. HAYWARD.

The A. & G. Theatre

OFFERS 2 SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS FOR EASTER WEEK

Sunday-Monday, April 9-10—Easter Sunday

"RIDING HIGH"

A musical in Technicolor Starring Dorothy Lamour and Dick Powell.

—AND—

Thursday-Friday, April 13-14

Irving Berlin's

"THIS IS THE ARMY"

(In Technicolor)
with George Murphy, Joan Leslie and Men Of the Armed Forces.

BAY HIGH SENIORS ENTERTAIN

The thirty-five Bay High seniors entertained the faculty, student body, parents and friends on Thursday at the assembly period at 1 p. m. with their senior play.

The script "Mad Scientists" was written by Fred Winslow and Bob Dresher and each member of the class had a part.

The stage setting was Dr. McDonald's laboratory and Fred McDonald was the chemist, Leroy Adams and Edward Porter were the mad scientists, Dr. Me and Dr. You. It was well written, well staged and well acted and received many expressions of praise.

PLANNED CLASS REUNION

Mrs. Richard Madden and M. A. Phillips planned a class reunion on Saturday night because of the home coming of Ensign Lando Goldman and Jack Weston but Jack failed to reach home for last week end. The party was staged at Broadwater Beach and those enjoying it were Miss Jimmy Lou Murphy of Gulfport, Misses Alicia and Rosemary Rollins, Waveland, Mrs. Richard Madden the former Miss Carrie Lynn Nolan, Mrs. Jack Garriga, the former Miss Mary Elizabeth Jackson; Mrs. Ed Little, the former Miss Aubrey Toca now of New Orleans; M. A. Phillips, Jr. Ensign Lando Goldman, Cadet W. L. Bourgeois, Cadet Jack Garriga, Bob Tovey, Ed Porter and Jack Bourgeois.

SORORITIES HERE FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS

The New Orleans high school sororities O. P. D. and D. A. D. are spending the Easter holidays at St. Margaret's Daughters Home on So. Beach.

They are basking in the bright sunshine and despite the depleted man power especially the young man power the young ladies seem to be having a wonderful time and are to be complimented because of the very ladylike manner of their behavior with a complete absence of the "I'm a stranger so I may do as I please" reaction to Easter house parties.

Welcome to our city young ladies and may you have a most happy Easter.

CELEBRATES 6TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Nelius Rhodes celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary with a buffet supper and dance at their home in Union street.

Mrs. Rhodes brother, Russell Maurigi made the wedding cake which was in the form of a V and decorated in red, white and blue which was in keeping with the color scheme of the house decorations and other refreshments.

Their guest list included Mr. and Mrs. Billie Osbourne, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Todero, Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Paulman, Mr. and Mrs. James Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goodsell, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Thomason, Mr. and Mrs. Gaspar Maurigi, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Anderson, Mr. George di Benedetto, Mrs. Warren Carver, Miss Jennie di Benedetto, Buford Parker and Wesley Ranson.

School Dance at Kiln

On Saturday, April 8, there is going to be a school dance in the Kiln High school gym. Music will be furnished by the Bay High School orchestra. The public is cordially invited.

HANCOCK COUNTY REFUNDING BILLS

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be issued and delivered only in exchange for and upon the simultaneous surrender and cancellation of a like principal amount of the bonds to be refunded thereby, and the fact of the issuance and delivery of such bonds hereunder shall be certified by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to the State Treasurer, and thereafter all the State gasoline tax which would otherwise have been remitted to Hancock County under the provisions of Section 10048 of the Mississippi Code of 1942, not including that part of the State gasoline tax allocated to the payment of road protection bonds issued under the provisions of Chapter 319, Laws of 1924, and amendments thereto, shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of Hancock County in a special fund to be designated "Interest and Sinking Fund for Road and Bridge Refunding Bonds of 1944 of Hancock County, Mississippi," which fund shall be held and shall be applied by the State Treasurer in the payment of interest accruing on said Road and Bridge Refunding Bonds of 1944 and the principal thereof at maturity. Provided, in the event that less than all of the outstanding bonds referred to in Section 1 hereof shall be refunded as herein provided, then there shall be paid into the State Treasury, for the credit of the aforesaid interest and sinking fund, only the proportion of said State gasoline taxes as the amount of refunding bonds issued and outstanding bears to the total amount of outstanding bonds described in Section 1 hereof.

Section 4. The Board of Supervisors of said County shall levy an annual tax upon all taxable property within said County for the purpose of providing funds sufficient to pay said Refunding Bonds of 1944 at maturity and the interest thereon as it accrues. The said tax shall be levied and collected as other taxes are levied and collected, and the proceeds thereof shall be remitted to the State Treasury at the time when State taxes are required by law to be so remitted, and the State Treas-

WE PLEDGE OUR FAITH AT EASTER



WE have witnessed many Easters... Easters of complacency... Easters of doubt... Easters of tense crisis, like the last two. But we feel that the predominant note of Easter, 1944, is HOPE... a glorious rebirth of hope in man's future.

We hope first for total Allied Victory soon... and the return of our armed forces. We hope also for the establishment of a just peace... that will mean a new and more real equality among men. We see in the world of that tomorrow a wonderful opportunity for human understanding and human dignity. We believe in these goals... we pledge our full cooperation in their realization.

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SCHEDULE CHANGES

Effective April 16

No. 1 daily for New Orleans will leave 6:07 p. m. instead 6:20 p. m.



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urer shall credit the same to the interest and sinking fund referred to in the preceding section. On or before October 1st in each year the State Treasurer shall certify to the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County the amount standing to the credit of said interest and sinking fund as of September 15th of that year, and if such amount shall be sufficient to pay (1) all principal of and interest on said Road and Bridge Refunding Bonds of 1944 then due and owing, and (2) all principal of and interest on said Road and Bridge Refunding Bonds of 1944 maturing and accruing during the period of twelve (12) months running from said September 15th, then and in that event said Board of Supervisors may omit the levy of the aforesaid tax for the ensuing year, as said Board may determine. Provided, that if the amount so certified by the State Treasurer shall in any year exceed the principal and interest requirements above enumerated, the State Treasurer shall, on October 1st of such year, transfer the amount of such excess to the "Interest and Sinking Fund for Road Protection and Seawall Bonds of Hancock County, Mississippi."

Section 5. The Board of Supervisors shall pay all lawful fees of the Chancery Clerk and their attorney now prescribed by law and which fees are incidental to the issuance and execution of said refunding bonds and may also pay all expenses in connection with the validation of said refunding bonds and procuring the opinion as to the validity thereof of from some expert bond attorney, other than the State Bond Attorney of national reputation. However, in cases where the bonds to be refunded are not due or redeemable prior to maturity, such board, in procuring the surrender of such outstanding bonds may expend not exceeding an additional 2 per cent of the principal amount of refunding bonds actually issued and delivered. All such fees and compensation shall be paid out of the Interest and Sinking Fund applicable to the bonds to be refunded, if the amount credited to such fund be adequate therefor, otherwise such fees and compensation shall be paid out of the proceeds of a special annuities. Provided, that if the amount so certified by the State Treasurer shall in any year exceed the principal and interest requirements above enumerated, the State Treasurer shall, on October 1st of such year, transfer the amount of such excess to the "Interest and Sinking Fund for Road Protection and Seawall Bonds of Hancock County, Mississippi."

Section 6. The provisions of the foregoing Sections numbered 1 to 5, both inclusive, without reference to any other statute, shall be deemed full and complete authority for the issuance of refunding bonds as there provided, and all powers necessary to be exercised by the Board of Supervisors of said County in order to carry out the provisions of said sections, are hereby conferred.

Section 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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